IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for metering use of network-accessible computer resources by multiple users of the computer resources during a same time period, said method comprising:

recording, as process accounting information, the use of the computer resources for a plurality of processes that relate to service requests made by the users;

recording service request information for the service requests made by the users;

correlating the recorded process accounting information and the recorded service request information; and

~~providing~~ determining resource usage information for each of the service requests for each of the users based upon the correlated recorded process accounting information and the recorded service request information, said ~~providing~~ determining of said resource usage information comprising allocating overlapping usage of the computer resources between at least two overlapping service requests, the overlapping service requests being from different users, by one of evenly splitting the overlapping usage between the overlapping service requests and splitting the overlapping usage in a weighted manner based upon respective durations of the overlapping service requests.

2. (Cancelled).

3.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of correlating request logging information and usage logging information.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of processes include processes dynamically spawned by processes for which process accounting information is recorded.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of maintaining an active request list of the service requests made by the users.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein separate active lists are maintained for each of the processes.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of calculating a relative weight of each of the service requests.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of allocating the resource usage in proportion to calculated relative weights to the service requests.

9.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for metering the use of network-accessible computer resources by multiple users of the computer resources during a same

time period, said computer resources comprising computer software recorded on a

computer-readable medium and said computer system comprising:

means for recording, as process accounting information, the use of the computer

resources for a plurality of processes that relate to service requests made by the users;

means for recording service request information for the service requests made by

the users;

means for correlating the recorded process accounting information and the

recorded service request information; and

means for ~~providing~~ <u>determining</u> resource usage information for each of the

service requests for each of the users based upon the correlated recorded process

accounting information and the recorded service request information, said ~~providing~~

<u>determining of said resource usage information</u> comprising allocating overlapping usage

of the computer resources between at least two overlapping service requests, the

overlapping service requests being from different users, by one of evenly splitting the

overlapping usage between the overlapping service requests and splitting the overlapping

usage in a weighted manner based upon respective durations of the overlapping service

requests.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product for metering the use of

network-accessible computer resources by multiple users of said computer resources

during a same time period, said computer resources comprising computer software

recorded on a computer-readable medium for performing the steps of:

recording, as process accounting information, the use of the computer resources

for a plurality of processes that relate to service requests made by the users;

recording service request information for the service requests made by the users;

correlating the recorded process accounting information and the recorded service

request information; and

~~providing~~ determining resource usage information for each of the service requests

for each of the users based upon the correlated recorded process accounting information

and the recorded service request information, said ~~providing~~ determining of said resource

usage information comprising allocating overlapping usage of the computer resources

between at least two overlapping service requests, the overlapping service requests being

from different users, by one of evenly splitting the overlapping usage between the

overlapping service requests and splitting the overlapping usage in a weighted manner

based upon respective durations of the overlapping service requests.

11.   (Previously Presented) A system for metering the use of network-accessible

computer resources by multiple users of the computer resources during a same time

period, said system comprising:

at least one computer server operable for executing service requests made by the

users;

a monitoring agent associated with the computer server and operable for being

able to access process accounting information for processes executing the service

requests stored in operating system logs of the computer server;

a request logging module operable for maintaining records of the service requests;

a usage logging module operable for maintaining records of the process accounting information obtained from the monitoring agent;

a resource usage database operable for maintaining records of resource usage information relating to service requests; and

a correlator operable for ~~by~~ correlating the records of the request logging module and the records of the usage logging module in order to allocate overlapping usage of the computer resources between at least two overlapping service requests, the overlapping service requests being from different users, by one of evenly splitting the overlapping usage between the overlapping service requests and splitting the overlapping usage in a weighted manner based upon respective durations of the overlapping service requests.

12.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 11, further comprising a query module for accessing the records of resource usage information stored in the resource usage database in response to queries.

13.   (Cancelled).

14.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 11, further comprising means for correlating request logging information and usage logging information.

15.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 11, further comprising

means for maintaining an active request list of the service requests made by the users.

16.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 11, further comprising means for calculating a relative weight of each of the service requests.

17.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, further comprising means for allocating the resource usage in proportion to calculated relative weights to the service requests.

18-21. (Cancelled)